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THE DEKALB AGRICULTURE TECHNOLOGY & ENVIRONMENT, INC.

A STEM (AdvancEd) Accredited School

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Dear Parent or Guardian,

The DeKalb County School System is committed to providing quality instruction for all students and does so by employing the most qualified individuals to teach and support each student in the classroom. We have worked diligently to assure that every class has a teacher with the appropriate background, experience, and credentials for his or her teaching assignment. We believe that a caring, competent, and qualified teacher for every child is the most important ingredient in educational reform.

The Elementary & Secondary Education Act (ESEA), formerly known as No Child Left Behind law (NCLB) requires school districts to notify parents of their right to know the professional qualifications of the classroom teachers who instruct their child. Specifically, you have the right to request the following information about each of your child's classroom teachers:

- Whether the teacher meets the state qualifications and licensing criteria for the grades and core academic subjects he or she teaches.
- Whether the teacher is teaching under emergency or provisional status because of special circumstances.

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- The teacher's college major, whether the teacher has any advanced degrees, and the field of discipline of the certification or degree.
- Whether teacher assistants provide services to your child and, if so, their qualifications.

Dekalb Academy of Technology and Environment Charter School has some of the most qualified teachers in the State of Georgia, and we are extremely proud of our teaching staff. If you would like to receive any of the information listed above for your child's teacher, please contact your child's Principal at 678.999.9290 at Dekalb Academy. For additional information regarding the federal "highly qualified" teacher requirements and Georgia policies, please visit the Georgia Professional Standards Commission website at www.gapsc.com.

Sincerely,

Dr. M. Wills

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